

Forest Land-Palghar

Diversion of 2.0241 ha. forest land Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground OFC Duct and Cable with the Row of existing road (Trimbak-Mokhada-Jawhar- Vikramgad-Palghar Raod) NH-160 A passing through Forest at Tal. Mokhada, Jawhar, Vikramgad & Dahanu, Dist. Palghar in Jawhar and Dahanu Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-12A24/C.R.66/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 15.03.2024**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-458154/ Thane/3181/23-24, Dated- 15.02.2024.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.0241 ha. forest land for laying of underground OFC Duct and Cable with the Row of existing road (Trimbak-Mokhada-Jawhar- Vikramgad-Palghar Raod) NH-160 A passing through Forest at Tal. Mokhada, Jawhar, Vikramgad, Dahanu, Dist. Palghar in Jawhar and Dahanu Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980) Guidelines-2023, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 2.0241 ha. forest land for laying of underground OFC Duct and Cable with the Row of existing road (Trimbak-Mokhada-Jawhar- Vikramgad-Palghar Raod) NH-160 A passing through Forest at Tal. Mokhada, Jawhar, Vikramgad Dahanu, Dist. Palghar in Jawhar and Dahanu Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Purpose	Name of Village & Taluka	Survey No.	Gut No.	Length (in Mtr)	Width (in Mtr)	Area (in ha)	Status
1	laying of underground OFC Duct and Cable	Kawadas / Vikramgad	--	15	392.6	0.5	0.0196	Private Forest
				11	198	0.5	0.0099	
				12	55	0.5	0.0028	

	with RoW existing road	the of			13	157.7	0.5	0.0079	
					26	158.2	0.5	0.0079	
					25	194.8	0.5	0.0097	
					24	259.8	0.5	0.0130	
					31	296	0.5	0.0148	
2			Talawade / Vikramgad	--	94	77.1	0.5	0.0039	Private Forest
					93	249.9	0.5	0.0125	
					91	333.3	0.5	0.0167	
					98	93.3	0.5	0.0047	
					99	184.9	0.5	0.0092	
					106	82.2	0.5	0.0041	
					55	159.3	0.5	0.0080	
					54	262.4	0.5	0.0131	
					0/3	128.3	0.5	0.0064	
					38	169.1	0.5	0.0085	
					45	475.6	0.5	0.0238	
					47	378	0.5	0.0189	
					97	88	0.5	0.0044	
					112	56	0.5	0.0028	
					37	16	0.5	0.0008	
					44	104	0.5	0.0052	
					49	35	0.5	0.0018	
					24	80	0.5	0.0040	
3			Sharsi / Vikramgad	--	299	27.5	0.5	0.0014	Private Forest
					299/a	157	0.5	0.0079	
					298	96.5	0.5	0.0048	
4			Kasa BK/ Vikramgad	141	--	2270.6	0.5	0.1135	Reserved Forest
				127		22.9	0.5	0.0011	Protected Forest
				79/d		85.1	0.5	0.0043	
				79/a/4		124	0.5	0.0062	
				79/c		119.3	0.5	0.0060	
				118/b/1		203.6	0.5	0.0102	
				118/b/3		194	0.5	0.0097	
				82/a/2		45.1	0.5	0.0023	Private Forest
				82/a/4		54.6	0.5	0.0027	
				82/a		369.8	0.5	0.0185	
				82/1/1		49.3	0.5	0.0025	
5			Kunj/ Vikramgad	96 (73/0)	--	564.8	0.5	0.0282	Reserved Forest (FDCM)

		70		425.4	0.5	0.0213	Protected Forest
		73/g		664.6	0.5	0.0332	
		73/f		381.6	0.5	0.0191	
		67		147.7	0.5	0.0074	
		73/4/4		66.0	0.5	0.0033	
		96 (73/A)		391.3	0.5	0.0196	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
		96 (74/A)		530.3	0.5	0.0265	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
6	Mendhi / Vikramgad	65	44/46 (23)	1717.2	0.5	0.0859	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
		56	--	238	0.5	0.0119	Protected Forest
7	Medhi (Sawarai) / Vikramgad	65	--	1018	0.5	0.0509	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
		54		569.9	0.5	0.0285	Protected Forest
		58		137.2	0.5	0.0069	
		36		71.6	0.5	0.0036	
		36		220.6	0.5	0.0110	
8	Sawe/ Vikramgad	234	--	1730.3	0.5	0.0865	Reserve Forest (FDCM)
9	Talavali Tarf Dengachimet / Vikramgad	17	17 (88)	204.5	0.5	0.0102	Protected Forest
10	Karhe/ Vikramgad	20	66	603.1	0.5	0.0302	Reserved Forest
		--	237	54.4	0.5	0.0027	Private Foerst
11	Dengachimet / Jawhar	10	67	524.6	0.5	0.0262	Protected Forest
		33	203	934.9	0.5	0.0467	Reserved Forest
		34	215	798.4	0.5	0.0399	
12	Kardhan/ Jawhar	26	26	506.4	0.5	0.0253	Protected Forest
13	Jayeshawar/ Jawhar	14	36	949.5	0.5	0.0475	Protected Forest
14	Kasatwadi/ Jawhar	--	1	305.7	0.5	0.0153	Reserved Forest
			2	91.1	0.5	0.0046	
			6	317.1	0.5	0.0159	
			5	129.8	0.5	0.0065	
			7	2134.2	0.5	0.1067	
			60	1189.6	0.5	0.0595	
			45	217.2	0.5	0.0109	

15	Garadwadi/ Jawhar	19	58	647.9	0.5	0.0324	Identified Forest
		8	20	619.1	0.5	0.0310	Reserved Forest
16	Jawhar Rural/ Jawhar	1	--	200	0.5	0.0100	Protected Forest
		214	--	258.7	0.5	0.0129	Identified Forest
17	Raitale/ Jawhar	4	18	510	0.5	0.0255	Private Forest
		6	38	697	0.5	0.0349	
		11	41	46	0.5	0.0023	
		8	46	431.9	0.5	0.0216	
		10	45	533.7	0.5	0.0267	
		14	56	364.4	0.5	0.0182	
		14	57	642.8	0.5	0.0321	
		14	58	447.6	0.5	0.0224	
18	Nyahale Bk/Jawhar	--	205	321.8	0.5	0.0161	Private Forest
			219	277.7	0.5	0.0139	
			220	396.6	0.5	0.0198	
			225	348	0.5	0.0174	
			227	401.4	0.5	0.0201	
19	Sakhari/ Mokhada	115	115 (241)	312.6	0.5	0.0156	Protected Forest
20	Mokhada/ Mokhada	366	--	320.3	0.5	0.0160	Protected Forest
		374		262.4	0.5	0.0131	
		301		119.4	0.5	0.0060	
21	Poshera/ Mokhada	246	394	254.2	0.5	0.0127	Protected Forest
		188	375	126.7	0.5	0.0063	
22	Morhande/M okhada	10/6	--	169.6	0.5	0.0085	Protected Forest
		10/1		146.4	0.5	0.0073	
		10/5		76.6	0.5	0.0038	
		14		341.7	0.5	0.0171	Private Forest
		15		93.5	0.5	0.0047	
23	Gonde BK/ Mokhada	139/b	139/b (159, 161)	158.5	0.5	0.0079	Protected Forest
		145	145	417.7	0.5	0.0209	Identified Forest
		149	149	157.1	0.5	0.0079	Private Forest
		173/a	173/a (114)	182.2	0.5	0.0091	Protected Forest
		173/b	173/b (114)	239.7	0.5	0.0120	
24	Dandwal/ Mokhada	8	31	231.8	0.5	0.0116	Private Forest
		4	23	94.7	0.5	0.0047	

			136, 137	13	224	0.5	0.0112	
			13/17	54	864	0.5	0.0432	
			13/17	55	414.5	0.5	0.0207	
(A) Total Forest Area in Jawhar Forest Division							1.9347	
25	laying of underground OFC Duct and Cable	Charoti/ Dahanu	191	76	278	0.5	0.0139	Protected Forest
26		Kasa Kh./ Dahanu	62	20	1030	0.5	0.0515	
27		Veti/ Dahanu	204	272, 38, 270, 269, 60	480	0.5	0.0240	
(B) Total Forest Area in Dahanu Forest Division							0.0894	
Grand Total A+ B							2.0241	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land, before granting working permission.
- 3) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed forest land Gut No.76 at Village Charoti, Gut No.96, 73, 73/4/4 at Village Kunj, Gut No.56 at Village Mendhi, Gut No.17, 203, 215 at Village Talwali Tarf Dengachimet, Gut No.14 at Village Jayeshvar, Gut No. 2, 60 at Village Kasatwadi, Gut No.1, 124 at Village Jawhar Rural, Gut No.115 at Village Sakhari and Gut No.173B at Village Gonde Bk., along with Stage-1 compliance.
- 4) User Agency shall submit the No-objection certificate of FDCM, along with Stage-1 compliance.
- 5) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Palghar District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 6) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.50 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 7) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

- 8) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 9) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 10) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 11) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 12) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 13) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 15) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 18) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 19) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 20) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 21) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 23) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 24) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 25) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 .

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202403181611190419 This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
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